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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S STATEMENT IN ECOSOC
PLENARY-US POSITION RE MSA'S

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT AMB FERGUSON'S STATEMENT
GIVEN PLENARY ECOSOC MONDAY, JULY 22, ON US POSITION REGARDING MSA'S.
THE STATEMENT WAS OCCASIONED BY THE FACT THAT
DR. PREBISCH IN HIS REPORT TIED IN THE SYG'S
EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO PROBLEMS OF LONG-RANGE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR CHARACTERIZED
THE SYG'S EMERGENCY PROGRAM AS A FIRST STEP IN
ESTABLISHING A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER PURSUANT TO THE
DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ADOPTED AT THE
SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. (FYI: WE REGRET DELAY IN
TRANSMITTING TEXT. THIS DELAY NECESSITATED BY
NEED TO TRANSCRIBE TAPE RECORDING OF FERGUSON'S
REMARKS WHICH WERE GIVEN EXTEMPORANEOUSLY AND WITHOUT
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I SHALL INTERVENE VERY BRIEFLY. I SHOULD FIRST OF ALL LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF 36 AND DR. PREBISCH FOR THE VERY FULL REPORT THAT WAS GIVEN TO THIS COUNCIL IN REGARD TO THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM AND ALSO IN REGARD TO CERTAIN OTHER PROBLEMS. I COULD NOT, HOWEVER, MR. CHAIRMAN, LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS WITHOUT INDICATING THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE PRESENTATION GIVEN TO US THIS AFTERNOON WHICH I MUST SAY WERE INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING; PERHAPS EVEN PROVOCATIVE. IN THAT LIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS DIMENSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS WHICH NOW FACES US.

FIRST OF ALL, MR. CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE TO SET FORTH CLEARLY THE THINKING THAT MY GOVERNMENT APPROACHES THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM IN TWO DISCRETE MOLDS. WE HAVE HEARD DR. PREBISCH AND OTHER SPEAKERS BEFORE ME INDICATING WE HAVE A SPECTRUM OF PROBLEMS WHICH ARE INTERRELATED, DERIVING FROM CERTAIN ROOT CAUSES OF IMBALANCES IN THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM. WE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THESE IMBALANCES; WE RECOGNIZE CERTAIN INJUSTICES. NEVERTHELESS, IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AND WHAT SHOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, WE DO DRAW DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN LONGER RANGE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE SHORTER RANGE PROBLEMS OF IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO THOSE COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIES WHICH ARE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. IN THAT SENSE, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE NOTION THAT THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, WHATEVER ITS ULTIMATE DIMENSIONS MAY BE, THAT THE TOTAL ADOPTION AT THIS MOMENT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND ALL OF ITS PREMISES AND ALL OF ITS ASSUMPTIONS IS A NECESSARY PRECONDITION TO DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE EMERGENCIES OF SOME 30, 34 OR 35 COUNTRIES.

IN THIS REGARD MY GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR. AS THE NOTE OF A PORTION OF OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S APPEAL, WHICH YOU WILL FIND IN THE DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU (L/1608) INDICATES, WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY--THE PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO DR. PREBISCH. AS AMBASSADOR SCALI HAD INDICATED SOME TWO WEEKS AGO IN THIS FORUM, WE DO EXPECT MOMENTARILY ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE NATURE OF OUR PARTICULAR RESPONSE. SOME OF THESE

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE QUITE OBVIOUSLY DEPENDENT, AS HAS BEEN ALLUDED TO HERE, ON THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES, PRINCIPALLY THAT OF WHAT OUR CURRENT CROP MAY AMOUNT TO. HOWEVER, IN RESPONDING TO THAT PORTION OF THE PROGRAM WHICH WE DEMONINATE AS AN EMERGENCY OPERATION (WHICH WE MUST RESPOND TO IN ANY EVENT), WE SHOULD NOT LIKE THAT RESPONSE TO BE READ AS AN IMPLICATION OF SUPPORT FOR SOME OF THE PREMISES WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. WE VIEW THAT PROGRAM VERY, VERY DIFFERENTLY; AND AS A RESULT OF VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY, YOU WILL RECALL, WE HAVE ALREADY MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WE WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPECIAL FUND WHICH WAS CALLED FOR UNDER CHAPTER X OF THE PROGRAM.

NOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, IN LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE, WE CONTINUE TO BE OF A VIEW--WHICH WE FIRST EXPRESSED LAST JANUARY, WHICH WE RE-EXPRESSED LAST APRIL AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH WE RE-EXPRESSED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO HERE IN THIS FORUM--THAT THOSE WHO NOW HAVE THE LIQUID MEANS OF RESPONDING TO THIS EMERGENCY HAVE THE FIRST OBLIGATION OF MAKING SOME CONCRETE CONTRIBUTIONS, UNCONDITIONALLY, TO THE RELIEF OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

NOW THIS IS NOT A NARROW VIEW, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO OBVIOUSLY DISAGREE WITH THE APPROACH THAT WE HAVE TAKEN TO THIS PROBLEM.

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NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS KIND OF A BURDEN WHICH MY COUNTRY HAS SHOULDERED SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND RESPONDED TO BY THOSE WHO NOW HAVE THE MEANS TO DO SO.

NOW THERE ARE ARGUMENT, I WOULD SUPPOSE, AND PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE WHO ARE OF A PROFESSION OTHER THAN MINE, AND WHO KNOW BETTER WHETHER OIL PRICE RISES WERE TRIGGERS, OR AS WE HAVE JUST HEARD, FUSES FOR AN UNDERLYING CONDITION, OR A CONDITION AWAITING A SPONTANEOUS EXPLOSION. NONETHELESS, IT IS THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT RESPONSE TO THIS KIND OF AN EMERGENCY FACING THOSE WHO ARE CLEARLY MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, WHETHER BY TRIGGERS, FUSES OR SPONTANEOUS EXPLOSIONS, RESTS UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE. THEY HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING THE INITIAL RESPONSE.

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NOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN AGAIN TO THE PROBLEM OF THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. WHATEVER MAY BE THE DIMENSIONS OF THAT ORDER, THE RESPONSE OF MY GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO BE ON THE MERITS OF THE PARTICULAR CASE. THE FACT THAT WE WILL RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM IN NO WISE MEANS THAT WE ARE TAKING THE POSITION THAT THIS IS A PORTION OF, OR A FIRST STEP IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THAT ORDER.

I WOULD NOT LIKE AT THIS POINT TO GO INTO THE DETAILS OF OUR RESERVATIONS WHICH WERE MADE QUITE EXPLICIT BY AMBASSADOR SCALI AT THE END OF THE SESSION IN NEW YORK ON THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROGRAM. I SHOULD JUST LIKE TO CONCLUDE, MR. CHAIRMAN, BY INDICATING THAT WE WOULD REGRET THAT IN CONNECTION WITH RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY WE WOULD HAVE TO DEAL ALSO WITH COLLATERAL PROBLEMS WHICH

ARE ALSO BEFORE THIS COUNCIL, SUCH AS ISSUES OF
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WHO SHOULD HELP OR WHO
SHOULD NOT HELP IN LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT.

FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WE FEEL THERE HAS
BEEN TOO GLIB A KIND OF DICHOTOMY BETWEEN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THERE ARE NO
SUCH, IN OUR VIEW, HARD CATEGORIES. THERE ARE
COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PERHAPS MORE ACCURATELY
DESCRIBED IN THE FRENCH EXPRESSION "ON THE ROAD TO
DEVELOPMENT", BUT AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THAT
DEVELOPMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, ONE SHOULD BE IN A
POSITION TO MAKE FINER DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN
COUNTRIES IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT. I CAN
SAY THERE ARE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AROUND THIS
TABLE WHO PERHAPS HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH POLICY
POSITIONS THAT WE TAKE THAN THEY HAVE WITH SOME OF THEIR
NEIGHBORS. THIS IS NOT PEJORATIVE, BUT IS SIMPLY A
STATEMENT OF FACT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WOULD HOPE
TO GET AWAY FROM THE KIND OF GLIB DISTINCTION BETWEEN
CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES. WE IN THE UNITED
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STATES FEEL THIS VERY KEENLY BEING PERHAPS THE LARGEST
CONSUMER, BUT ALSO PERHAPS THE LARGEST PRODUCER.
AND OUR LARGEST PRODUCTION IS NOT IN MANUFACTURED
GOODS - OUR LARGEST PRODUCTION IS IN A COMMODITY, FOOD,
AND WE FEEL VERY, VERY SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF
THOSE WHO PRODUCE SUCH BASIC COMMODITIES AS WE DO,
AS WELL AS BEING VERY SENSITIVE TO THOSE WHO HAVE TO
BUY MANUFACTURED IMPORTS. WE ALSO HAPPENED TO BE THE
LARGEST CONSUMER OF MANUFACTURED IMPORTS. CONSEQUENTLY,
I WOULD HOPE THAT IN OUR APPROACH TO THE GENERAL PROBLEM
THAT WE MIGHT GET AWAY FROM THE KIND OF EASY LABELS
WHICH WE SO OFTEN USE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR BASIC ANALYSIS.
AND AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS IN
THIS SENSE WE APPROACH THE PROBLEM OF RELIEF FROM THE
EMERGENCY WHICH WE ARE WHOLLY AND TOTALLY COMMITTED TO.
AND WE WILL MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS AS SOON
AS WE ARE AWARE OF OUR OWN RESOURCES. ON THE OTHER
HAND, WE DO NOT ACCEPT THOSE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH WE
MADE RESERVATIONS TO AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND FOR THAT
REASON WE TAKE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT VIEW AS TO THE MORE
LONG TERM PROBLEMS OF THE SPECIAL FUND. THANK YOU VERY
MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. END TEXT. ABRAMS

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